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"Everyone feels good when you smile, so your smile is the greatest magic!"

Natalia smiled at Gong Jie, then turned and smiled at Hua Jin!

The actor looked startled for a moment, but he was quickly affected by her bright smile and found himself smiling back at her as though in reflex. When Natalia saw that the actor was really smiling back at her, she was suddenly encouraged!

"It's true! It's true that when I smile at you, you smile back. And he's smiling too! I really can do magic!"

Gong Jie rubbed her head in relief, then glanced meaningfully at Hua Jin.

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The actor immediately crouched down and grinned. "Natalia's magic is amazing!"

In reality, he was amazed about something else. Gong Jie had a hidden talent. He didn't know that the man was so good at coaxing children! He could actually tell a kid something like that?

The actor felt his emotional intelligence being crushed!

However... One had to say, if magic really existed, Natalia would be the best magician for sure. Because just looking at her smile was so healing.

Actually, one doesn't need to be methodical in coaxing a child. A child needs fantasy in his world.

There was no harm in creating a little fairy-tale for Natalia. As for things that only an adult could understand, the girl would come to understand too, when she grew up. Shouldn't she simply enjoy an innocent childhood while young?

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The hot-air balloon didn't float too far because of the limited distance placed on it. When they arrived at their destination, Hua Jin picked up Natalia, and Gong Jie followed closely behind as they stepped off the balloon cabin.

Since Youyou and Yun Shishi would be a while yet, Gong Jie suggested waiting for them at a gazebo nearby that he had spotted.

The gazebo happened to face a dessert station that sold some milk tea and snacks. Natalia was attracted by the doughnuts and milk tea. Gong Jie ordered a drink for each of them and bought some snacks. Then he sat in the gazebo and waited.

Not long after, Youyou and Yun Shishi arrived and disembarked their balloon. Gong Jie rose to greet them, but saw how ashen Yun Shishi looked as they approached.

This got him anxious. "What's the matter?"

Yun Shishi patted her chest, clearly shaken.

Youyou explained, "Maybe... the balloon was shaking too much. Mommy thought it was malfunctioning and was afraid it would fall out of the sky!"

Gong Jie replied, "How could it possibly fall out of the sky?"

"Accidents are unpredictable!"

The woman was still in shock as the boy muttered, "That's because you don't trust your own son."

"Eh? How so?"

Hua Jin could not stop himself from laughing at that. "Your son invested in and started up this amusement park," he reminded her quietly.

This realization then dawned upon her.

Youyou patted his own chest and said, "If anything happens to Mommy, I'll take responsibility!"

Gong Jie replied coolly, "But if something happens to your mother, you'll be with her. Who's going to vouch for your own accident?"

The boy fell silent. After a long silence, he said in disgust, "Must Uncle make things difficult for me?"

Gong Jie said seriously, "I didn't!"

"Hmph." The boy glanced at him and saw Natalia sitting in a chair, eating heartily. As it happened, he was hungry, too. Walking over, he saw that the girl was holding a chocolate doughnut and she had chocolate stains all around her mouth, looking like a gluttonous kitten.

Watching her eat, the boy actually felt his mouth watering.

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"Is it yummy?" The boy gulped.

It wasn't as though he'd never had doughnuts. He didn't like them. But for some reason, watching her eat so heartily whetted his appetite and now he was ravenous.

Hua Jin noticed this and said with some frustration, "Why are you always staring at her food?"

"Because... she makes it look so delicious."

"If you want, I'll buy some for you."

Before the boy could say anything, the actor stood up and went to the shop window. He bought the boy a doughnut of the same flavor as what Natalia had, and milk tea as well. The actor handed the food to the boy. Youyou tasted them and sighed with regret.

How was it that... they tasted worse than what he had imagined. They weren't as good as he'd thought.

However, he saw Natalia enjoying the doughnut as though it was so delicious. Especially how her cherry lips closed over a gentle bite of the doughnut and broke open the chocolate-filled center. The soft inner core left crumbs on her lips, making the doughnut look so tempting! However, in his own mouth, the doughnut tasted rather astringent.

The boy knew how to make doughnuts himself. If one had to rate his desserts, one would likely rate him a 9. But this particular shop rated no more than a 4 for sure. But seeing how Natalia was eating so happily...

The boy had to ask, "Is it yummy?"

Natalia had finished the two chocolate doughnuts and was sucking her finger as if she hadn't had enough. She looked up and saw the boy staring at her in surprise. She nodded and said, "It's delicious! What is it called?"

"Doughnut!"

"Doughnut..." Natalia tried to take in the new Chinese vocabulary, enunciating clearly. "Doughnuts. Delicious!"

Gong Jie had already told her that this would be her home from now on. Since she was going to stay here, Chinese would replace English as her first language.

Although she was born here, she had lived in the orphanage for a while before she was taken to the United States. She had not forgotten Chinese, but her ability in it had regressed considerably.

However, Natalia's gift for languages was particularly impressive. Despite not having spoken Chinese for a long time, she picked it up again and pronounced her words perfectly.

"Doughnuts. They're delicious."

The boy spoke as if he were presenting a treasure, "I can make doughnuts, too."

"Eh?!" Natalia stared at him as if she had discovered a new continent. "Can you really make doughnuts?"

"Yes! The ones I make are countless times better than this!"

"Really!?"

Natalia looked amazed. "I don't believe it!"

"If you don't believe me, I'll make some for you, you'll find out for yourself then."

Youyou was feeling a little smug. Hua Jin, who was next to him, chimed in, "Youyou's desserts are indeed delicious. This is real, not a lie!"

Natalia couldn't have been more surprised to hear that. She shot Gong Jie a questioning look, as if asking for his agreement on this.

The man nodded. "Yes. It's true!"

"Wahhhhhh...!" Natalia, starry-eyed, immediately clung to the boy's arm and whined, "I want some! Make me some!"

"Sure, no problem!" The boy winked at her. "I'll make whatever flavor you like!"

"I like strawberry ones. And chocolate ones!"

"There are other flavors!"

"What other flavors?"

"Like, mousse, vanilla, coffee ..."

The two kids started a conversation around doughnuts.

The actor looked at them in a daze.

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When it came to good food, the boy spoke eloquently, and Natalia was a complete foodie. Her appetite was worked up just listening to him!

From a certain perspective... These two little fellows were really a good match for each other! One loved to eat, the other ate a lot.

Hua Jin walked over to them. As much as he couldn't bear to interrupt them, they were in an amusement park. They couldn't sit around all day talking about whatever-flavored doughnuts!

"Good girl, Natalia. When Youyou gets home, he'll make you a doughnut. Shall we go on a Ferris Wheel ride now?"

Natalia looked at the actor, then reluctantly at the boy. She wanted to say something, but didn't. Obviously it was spoiling her moment.

The boy noticed this and assured her, "I promise I'll make you yummy doughnuts!"

"When?"

"I'm busy tomorrow. How about the day after?"

"Alright." Natalia nodded and finally got onto her feet.

The actor extended his hand and the girl automatically reached out for it. From afar, the three of them, oddly, looked like a picture of harmony and bliss.

Hua Jin had come to the amusement park prepared and under disguise, but he nevertheless attracted the attention of many tourists along the way.

"Ah... isn't that Hua Jin?"

"Looks like him, but how could Hua Jin be making an appearance here?"

"It does make sense."

"But from his physique and the way he carries himself... and look at his hat. I remember he was wearing a similar hat when he showed up at an airport."

"How is that possible? Did you see it with your own eyes?"

"Of course! I greeted him at the airport myself! I'm a big fan of his."

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As the crowd grew, the debate grew louder.

Many tourists wanted to see what was going on, so they kept squeezing closer to the actor and looking in his direction. At this point, many people discovered something even more novel!

"The man who looks like Hua Jin is holding a little girl's hand!"

"This little girl is so beautiful. She looks Eurasian!"

"What do you mean, 'looks'. She is most certainly Eurasian!"

"Oh my God! Look, she has purple eyes! That's impossible. How could there be people with purple eyes?! Could it be contact lenses?"

"Isn't it a little much for a young girl of this age, to be wearing contact lenses!"

"Look at that man, the one the little girl is holding with her other hand... God, he's so handsome! He's even more handsome than Hua Jin!"

"The point is that he's so tall! He looks more than 1.9 meters tall!"

"You look aggressive! Tsk, tsk, tsk..."

"I'm suddenly so envious of the little girl the two of them are holding... sob, sob..."

"Don't tell me the two men are gay... Most good-looking men have turned gay..."

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Gradually the chatter grew louder.

Gong Jie overheard the discussion and glanced over to see more people coming in their direction. Hua Jin grew increasingly nervous.

It would have been fine if he were at a distance, but up close, no matter how well-disguised he was, it could not hide the fact that he was indeed the superstar, Hua Jin!

What should he do?

If anyone found out, this place would degenerate into chaos!

Otherwise...

Flee?

The thought raced through the actor's mind. At this point, just as he looked up, he suddenly heard Gong Jie say angrily, "Get lost!"

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"Get lost!"

A deep growl of anger.

Gong Jie's piercing eyes swept over them unhappily. The surrounding people were terrified by his gaze!

Gong Jie's eyebrows were shaped like the blades of a sword. Normally, he was expressionless and appeared relatively calm. When he frowned, he looked dignified and inexplicably regal. Coupled with that frosty gaze, it was enough to send chills down the spine of these people on a sunny day.

Instantly, the surrounding crowd fell silent! Everyone was terrified of his icy gaze!

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Super hostile. This man was super hostile! TAT

He looked dashingly cool, but when he lost his temper, it was like a mighty thunderstorm! Wherever his gaze fell, the people retreated a few steps back.

Hua Jin was equally stunned. Not that he was intimidated by Gong Jie's aura, just that he didn't expect... the power and impact of the man's gaze. It could accomplish more than what ten bodyguards could do!

However, he finally found a sort of resonance!

If it hadn't been for the limitations of his identity, he would have asked those people: *Isn't it true that he's really fierce!*

His glare was like a pair of vicious daggers!

Right, right?

It really wasn't him being cowardly! Seriously!

At this point, however, it was fortunate that Gong Jie's gaze was too intimidating. Otherwise, he wouldn't know how to get out of this predicament.

Behind them, Youyou and Yun Shishi were basking in the glory. With Gong Jie, the "Slayer", leading the way, the road before them was naturally smooth and uninterrupted. Yun Shishi did not have to worry about being recognized by any passers-by!

The group of five smoothly entered the Ferris Wheel.

Natalia was seeing the Ferris Wheel for the first time and was full of anticipation, but at the same time, she was anxious. To her, the Ferris wheel and hot air balloon were probably the more exciting rides.

The hot air balloon was fine. This Ferris Wheel, however, was really tall. It was so tall that even if she looked all the way up as far as she could, she could not see the highest point.

All throughout her childhood, apart from the welfare home, most of her time was spent in the hospital. She only knew the discriminating looks that the other children had given her, and the smell of disinfectant. Although her purple eyes were beautiful, the other children in the orphanage treated her as an anomaly and called her "monster" or "strange beast".

The children were young and immature. Most of them thought that it was normal to have black or brown eyes. And her purple eyes made her look like an evil spirit. The children were afraid of evil spirits, so they were unwilling to play with her. As a result, Natalia had a lonely childhood. Even the amusement park, let alone the Ferris Wheel, was a first for her. Hence, she was feeling all sorts of emotions including unease, excitement, nervousness, agitation...

Youyou could see the anxiety on her face. "Don't worry," he explained. "The Ferris Wheel is safe!"

"It's so tall." Natalia craned her neck and looked up for a long time.

Hua Jin asked her gently, "Do you wish to go on the ride?"

Natalia nodded and said, "Yes! I do."

"Then, let's go together!"

Natalia nodded, satisfied.

Each ride compartment could seat four people, so Yun Shishi offered to wait for them in the rest area. She didn't really like riding on the Ferris Wheel. She'd only come to the amusement park to spend time with Natalia. Hence, the four of them used their VIP cards and entered the ride compartment directly. Hua Jin then personally buckled Youyou and Natalia in.

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It was Natalia's first ride on the Ferris Wheel. It went round twice. The first time, Natalia naturally felt nervous when the compartment reached its highest point. Even Youyou was nervous.

The boy couldn't help recalling that particular Ferris wheel ride, where he had been attacked by assassins and the Ferris Wheel came to a stop at a great height. He and Little Yichen had been on the brink of death. Therefore, the Ferris wheel had left an indelible shadow in his mind. But perhaps because Gong Jie was around, he was reassured.

Somehow, his usual disdain for the man seemed to be only verbal. In reality, the boy felt a great sense of relief whenever the man was around. Gong Jie's name in itself represented a sense of security. That was why, when he'd first thought of finding an adoptive parent for Natalia, the boy's first thought had been Gong Jie. This was a consideration factor.

It was dangerous, but it was also the safest option.

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Yun Shishi's idea was sound indeed.

Natalia's relationship with Hua Jin improved considerably after their return from the amusement park. In addition, the actor had been in a few programs involving children before he shot to fame.

In "Where's Daddy", he was a surrogate father, he had also been on a few episodes with a common person's child. He had had some experience with children and knew how to keep Natalia happy.

The actor's relationship with Natalia had warmed considerably. Given this, Gong Jie should be able to leave without having to worry. Still, the man was reluctant to part with her, so the date of his departure was delayed a few times.

The actor had subtly reminded him time after time to get on with his own work, and he'd be able to take good care of Natalia.

In order to care for Natalia, the actor had turned down every program he could. In any case, Gong Jie offered him a generous sum of money, and he didn't mind taking a break to focus on caring for Natalia.

He even thought, after a while, when Natalia got more familiar with him, he would take her on a trip around the world. That was just daydreaming.

Eventually, Gong Jie could not bear to go. However, he had no choice. After all, there was no way to run the Hurricane Group's affairs around without him. With the organization's constant urging, there was nothing else Gong Jie could do and finally decided to leave.

Before leaving, he wanted to throw Natalia a family party.

As it happened...

Natalia had been craving Youyou's promised dessert for a long time, so Gong Jie spoke with the boy and asked him over to cook for Natalia. The boy, of course, agreed at once when asked. He even patted his own chest and promised that he would create a series of desserts for the girl. So he set the alarm for early morning the next day, before setting off for the mission.

However, on this particular morning, something unexpected happened. It was not Youyou who woke up...

Gong Fan opened his eyes, feeling as if a century had passed since he last slept.

He was woken by the alarm that Youyou had set.

He opened his eyes with a start, feeling sleepy and confused. Yun Shishi had also heard the alarm and walked in to wake the boy. But it was obvious, it was not Youyou who woke up... It was Gong Fan.

The woman's head thumped, and she was taken aback. Her initial reaction was...

Oh my God, it's Gong Fan. He's awake.

Her next thought was to wonder if Gong Fan... knew how to make a series of desserts.

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The answer was obvious.

He didn't!

He didn't even know who Natalia was, did he!?

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Gong Fan did not notice her strange expression. "Good morning, Mommy!"

"Good morning. You're up early?" Yun Shishi smiled.

Gong Fan was also a little surprised. "I was woken up by the alarm. Why did it go off so early?"

"Uh... I'll prepare breakfast for you. Get up and wash up!" She hurried away, wondering if she should inform Gong Jie about this!

When Gong Fan saw that Yun Shishi had left in a hurry, he subconsciously felt around the bedside cabinet. After groping around for a while, he found the notebook.

He picked it up and turned a few pages.

Youyou had a habit of keeping a diary, and so did Gong Fan. Rather than thinking of it as a diary, it might be more accurate to say this was how Youyou communicated with Gong Fan.

Through Gong Fan's diary, Youyou learned what had happened to him on a given day. Similarly, Gong Fan also learned what had happened to Youyou on a given day, through Youyou's diary.

This time round, Gong Fan had been dormant for a longer time. For some reason, the next time he woke up, a fortnight had already passed.

He had slept for half a month!

15 days!

Never before had he slept for so long. Before he could figure the reason for this, Gong Fan came to the latest entry in the diary.

"I have to get up early tomorrow to make a series of desserts for Natalia. She's been anticipating it for a long time. I've decided to make her a series of desserts with a Hello Kitty theme! This evening, I'll prepare the tools and I'll set myself to work tomorrow! But I'm a little worried. What if it's Gong Fan who wakes up? He knows nothing about baking."

Gong Fan was stumped.

Hello Kitty?

Series of desserts?

What's that? Desserts?

And...

Who was Natalia?

The name had been mentioned a few times now. It sounded like a girl's name, but... Who was it?

Gong Fan put the notepad aside and sorted out his emotions for the time being. After washing his face and brushing his teeth, he walked to the living room. Little Yichen had finished his breakfast and was looking at him expectantly.

"Why are you dawdling, Youyou? Hurry up and finish your breakfast. We're leaving!"

Gong Fan narrowed his eyes. "Youyou?"

Little Yichen shuddered at the tone and quickly corrected himself, "Fanfan..."

"Don't call me Fanfan!" Gong Fan didn't like such a cloying form of address.

Little Yichen explained hurriedly. "But that's such a friendly way to address someone!"

Gong Fan immediately declined politely. "No."

Little Yichen fell silent.

Ahhhh...

What a tsundere Fanfan...

Yun Shishi brought out the bread and milk. Gong Fan sat at the table and asked curiously, "Mommy, who's Natalia?"

"Uh..." She hinted vaguely, "It seems that Youyou rather likes her! He promised to make her a pretty series of desserts today. Do you... know how to make it?"

Gong Fan shook his head.

How could he cook?

He knew absolutely nothing about cooking.

Not to mention baking...

"Well then ... "

Yun Shishi found herself in a difficult position. "So what do we do? The boy had prepared everything he needed, and he wanted to perform his best behavior today..."

Gong Fan pursed his lips, feeling a little troubled. However, he did not want to disappoint Youyou.

"Is a series of desserts... difficult to prepare?"

Little Yichen exchanged a hesitant glance with Yun Shishi before nodding. "Yes... rather."

Gong Fan was stumped. Youyou has thrown him into another tricky situation. A series of desserts?!

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But, they had already made a pact. No matter what, if the other personality suddenly appeared, he would have to complete the task on behalf of that personality.

In the past, it seemed that Youyou had always been cleaning up his mess. No matter, he couldn't back out now.

Along the way, Gong Fan was focused on his cell phone. He wasn't playing on it. Instead, he was doing some serious research. He searched the Internet for tutorials and techniques on baking and took advantage of the limited time to give himself a crash course.

Yun Shishi, though, had confidence in Gong Fan. Baking was actually not difficult. As long as one was careful and serious, and paid a little more attention to details, it could be done very well. However, she seemed to have misjudged the boy somewhat.

Gong Fan was very particular about everything, and in terms of food, he was all the more so. However, he wasn't particular about how to cook a dish. By the time they arrived at Natalia's house and the car pulled to a stop, Gong Fan looked as confused as ever.

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He couldn't figure it out. He hadn't even sorted out the difference between grease and cheese. Or what a mold was, and what saccharin was.

How about giving up? He really could not understand the order and ingredients of these recipes. It would have been simpler to solve a dozen Math Olympiad questions. Wasn't getting him to bake just making things difficult for him?

And yet...

Gong Fan could only imagine the disappointment that Youyou would express in his diary...

"Looks like I should let you sleep longer..."

Gong Fan suddenly remembered that he had been asleep for a long time recently. Could it be... That guy had been suppressing him and not letting him wake up?

Could it be...

Did the boy despise him and did not want him to make an appearance?

If this baking wasn't done properly... It might infuriate Youyou! Gong Fan held his forehead in frustration. He didn't care about infuriating anyone except for this little ancestor.

Hence, walking into the kitchen, Gong Fan could only brace himself and put on the cartoon-style apron that Hua Jin had bought. He stood in the baking area with a sulky expression.

Oven, mold, butter... All the equipment had been laid out. The boy had prepared them all, to whip up a surprise for Natalia on this day.

Fine.

Surprise, surprise... it was more likely going to be a shock than surprise.

Gong Fan told himself: Forget the recipe, the order or timing. Just roll up your sleeves and go with your gut feeling!"

He refused to believe that although they were two personalities, he could not cook as well as Youyou!

Bring it on!

Gong Fan simply trusted his intuition and started preparing.

The dessert rack was pink and carried a Hello Kitty theme. Hence the boy's original vision had been of a series of strawberry-flavored desserts.

The series would comprise a multilayer cake, cupcakes, shaped cookies, mousse, pudding, and other small desserts. He decided to start with the doughnut.

Gong Fan looked serious as he referred to the recipe and tutorial. He added the softened butter to the fine sugar and salt.

Wait.

Salt?

He was stunned for a moment. He looked through the tutorial thrice suspiciously and confirmed that he was not mistaken. He still found it strange.

Weren't doughnuts sweet?'

Why the salt?

...whatever.

Gong Fan closed his eyes and began to stir the egg evenly with the egg beater. The ideal was to get it to a lightly beaten state.

In the end, it became runny.

Liquid...

Failure.

On his second try, he was careful to use less strength. With more consistent beating, he finally achieved the ideal state.

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He had thought that everything was difficult only at the beginning, but he did not expect the next step to be even more difficult than the first.

Next, the recipe said to add milk powder.

Milk powder... which is milk powder?

Gong Fan looked at the various packets around the kitchen counter. Most of them were imported ingredients. If they were printed in English, he could understand them. However, some of them were in Italian, and some were in French... Moreover, even in English, he did not understand what this thing was for.

So he decided to taste the ingredients to identify them.

Milk powder. It should be easy to identify. He dipped a finger into one of the packs on the table and tasted a little bit...

Oooh?

What was this? It was astringent and the powder was a little slippery... And a hint of bitterness... That was probably not milk powder. Milk powder should be sweet.

He tasted the content of another package... Flour?

Gong Fan tasted many kinds of powders and finally found milk powder.

He immediately felt relieved!

Found you at last. Luckily I didn't give up!

He was extremely emotional. And now he needed to gently introduce the milk powder into the mixing bowl.

Crash!

"..." Gong Fan was stumped.

Looking at about half a basin of milk powder, he panicked a little.

It seemed... a little too much?

However, the recipe did not say how much milk powder to add? This amount should be about right? If he added too much milk powder, then he could increase the amount of the subsequent ingredients and it should all work out. Besides, he liked milk powder.

Having decided this, the boy braced himself and continued.

He cracked four eggs and accidentally dropped some small fragments of egg shell into the mix. The fragments embedded themselves into the sticky liquid and he couldn't pick them out.

He simply used his chopsticks and finally picked out the pieces. One by one, he added the other ingredients... Dry yeast, flour, and butter. He kneaded the dough and threw it into the breadmaker with a thud.

Yun Shishi was walking past the kitchen when she heard the strange noises. Feeling a little concerned, she slipped in to take a look.

Gong Fan was busy rummaging through the cupboards for the strawberry-flavored chocolate sauce, so he didn't notice Yun Shishi sneaking in.

The dough had risen, and the breadmaker hummed as it worked. Soon, ten minutes went by. Gong Fan opened the breadmaker and reached in with his gloved hands to remove the hot dough.

By now, the dough had risen even more than before.

However... Why did it seem a little hard?

The instructions clearly said that when taken out of the breadmaker, the dough would be softer than before.

Whatever.

Gong Fan used his hand to push the trapped air out, but he accidentally broke the dough apart.

Should he add some water?

Maybe not.

There was no such step in the instructions. This was not yet the last step. Perhaps it was normal.

Well, it made sense.

Gong Fan left the raised dough to cool for ten minutes before starting to fiddle with the strawberry chocolate sauce. The strawberry chocolate sauce was an instant mix, he only needed to mix it in the right proportion.

"Use a rolling pin to roll the raised dough into 1.1 cm thick slices. After rolling, allow it to raise for another five to ten minutes. Use a doughnut mold to cut the dough into the shape of a doughnut. Place the cut dough on a baking sheet sprinkled with flour. Carry out a second raise, heat the oil in the pan. Place the raised doughnut dough in the pan and fry until both sides are golden..." As Gong Fan read the instructions on his cell phone, his head throbbed.

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Why did it feel like something that was so easy for Youyou had become a stumbling block for him?

Baking was so difficult. Gong Fan felt that his head was about to blow up.

Bracing himself, he began to roll out the raised dough. It kept him busy. Finally, he used a mold to cut the flattened dough into rings. He spread the strawberry jam evenly over the doughnuts and walked over to the pan.

Yun Shishi didn't want to interrupt his "serious business", but when she saw that he was about to drop the jam-smeared doughnut into the pan, she made a move to stop him...

Splash!

Crackle!

The oil splattered and flew.

Gong Fan calmly held the frying pan in his hand and blocked the droplets of hot oil that flew at his face. He was expressionless.

After perhaps a few dozen seconds, he turned off the fire, then moved closer to the frying pan...

Then, he saw a charred object floating on the oil.

He didn't know that the strawberry jam should have been applied only after the frying. Otherwise, the strawberry jam... would... burn...

The veins in his brow throbbed as he gazed at the two dark floating objects. Gong Fan carefully scooped up the two balls of dough. He then looked at the rest of the batter and started to fret.

What was this!? Had he slogged his hands off all day, to produce these two lumps of charred doughnuts?

Gong Fan's eyelids twitched violently, and his resentment towards the "doughnuts" gradually built up!

No. He could not accept such a mediocre finished product.

Start over.

Anyway, it was still early.

Gong Fan threw himself into the "Doughnut Making Journey" for the nth time.

Yun Shishi watched him from behind, engrossed. She wanted to laugh at his calm but "flustered" manner.

He appeared calm because no matter how tricky things got, he remained expressionless. He was also flustered as he seemed to have a knack for turning something simple into something extremely complicated.

Crackle!

The doughnut went into the pan a third time.

Behind him, Little Yichen now crept into the kitchen and stood quietly behind him, observing the scene with his mother.

When the doughnuts came out this time, they finally looked like how doughnuts should. Of course, how they tasted was another matter.

The desserts from Gong Fan definitely wouldn't taste good. For some odd reason, that was Yun Shishi's gut feeling.

Gong Fan did not notice that Hua Jin had also walked in behind him. The three of them just stared at him making dessert with their mouths agape.

Tragic!

How tragic!

Tragic to the maximum!

It couldn't possibly be any more tragic than this.

Hua Jin looked at the several lumps of black flatbread in the trash can and felt anxious. At the same time, he felt somewhat uncertain. He wondered how the end product would taste. Would he get food poisoning?

Why not let Little Yichen try the poison first and see if it was edible? He didn't want Natalia to eat this doughnut and get food poisoning from it.

"I get the feeling that this thing Fanfan has made isn't doughnuts," the boy whispered into Yun Shishi's ear matter-of-factly.

Yun Shishi stifled a laugh at that. "What are they if they're not doughnuts?"

The boy frowned solemnly. "It's poison."

The woman was stunned for a brief moment.

"Mommy, can I not eat that?" Little Yichen shuddered. "I'm scared..."

Yun Shishi gulped and replied, "Me, too."

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"Fanfan, is this a doughnut?" Hua Jin asked curiously.

Gong Fan turned around at once when he heard the voice, and saw the four people who had been standing behind him, looking at his "work".

The boy grunted, "Yeah. Doughnuts."

The actor wondered if it was edible. Perhaps while it looked a little scary, it might actually be quite edible.

Hence he instructed Little Yichen, "Go try it and see how it tastes?"

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Little Yichen was taken aback. He had not expected Hua Jin to push him into the pit of fire! Why didn't he try eating it himself?! The man was clearly asking him to test the poison!

Little Yichen scowled in obvious displeasure. "Why don't you try it?"

"Any dessert made by Xiao Fan would surely taste delicious!" As he spoke, Hua Jin glanced at him out of the corner of his eye. "Why? Do you think Fanfan's cooking tastes awful?"

Gong Fan couldn't be bothered with how Hua Jin addressed him. Instead, he glared at Little Yichen with slight displeasure and snorted. "Why? Do you think it tastes bad?"

Little Yichen gulped and shook his head violently. "No! I trust my little brother's skills."

"Then try it."

"Try..." Little Yichen was so nervous he couldn't speak. What the hell... Had he really become a food taster?

Uncomfortable.

On the verge of tears.

Why was life so difficult!?

Why was he always being pushed into the line of fire!

However, in the interest of not offending his brother, the boy immediately took a righteous step forward, trying to look heroic!

"Fine! I'll try it!"

Gong Fan noticed his expression. It was not dissimilar to someone about to jump into a pit of fire. He was immediately displeased.

"You seem very reluctant!"

"How so?"

Little Yichen gave him a reproachful look. "I... I think it's going to be pretty good!"

"Then stop making that face."

Little Yichen fell silent. He gave a very disappointing "Oh." So, resigned to his fate, he picked up a doughnut and looked at the charred surface. He steeled himself, gritted his teeth, and took a bite.

A comet hitting the earth...

Volcanic eruption...

Various apocalyptic scenes flashed before his eyes.

Little Yichen felt as if he were being scorched by lava. Tears almost gushed out from his eyes!

What was this!?

Was this a doughnut?

It didn't taste sweet at all. It was like eating a piece of charcoal! Not only were the colors similar, but the taste was also exactly the same! It tasted so bad that he wanted to cry. Even taking a punch was never so painful.

And yet...

Being the super tolerant person that he was, Little Yichen didn't even flinch as he said flatly, "It's not... bad."

Gong Fan's eyes seemed to light up for a moment.

"Really?"

"Yes... really, but... I don't think it's the kind of taste Natalia will like!"

"Is it too sweet?" Gong Fan muttered again, "I did put a little too much milk powder and saccharin."

"Oooh..." mLittle Yichen muttered to himself: It would have been better even if it were unreasonably sweet.

At least it would taste sweet! What was this taste... It tasted like charcoal! Bitter and astringent!

Why was it that they were obviously the same person but there was such a huge difference between Gong Fan and Youyou!

Little Yichen couldn't help missing the quick-witted Youyou.

"You look very pale." Gong Fan sized him up and became suspicious.

Little Yichen immediately wiped his face and sighed. "I'm afraid I won't ever get the chance to eat such delicious doughnuts again!"